IN THE HIGH COURT OF UTTARANCHAL AT NAINITAL

WRIT PETITION NO. 779 (MS) OF 2006

Harish Chandra Singh,
S/o Sri Chandan Singh Bisht,
R/o Village Bounli,
P.O. Jamoli, District- Almora. .....Petitioner.

Versus

1. Uttaranchal Shiksha Avam Vikas Parishad, Ramnagar, District Nainital, through its Secretary.
2. Secretary Uttaranchal Shiksha Avam Vikas Parishad, Ramnagar, District Nainital. .....Respondents.

Dated: 23.06.2006

Hon'ble Rajesh Tandon, J.

Heard Sri Bhupender Singh Bisht & Sri Lalit Tiwari, Advocate for the petitioner, Sri V.K. Bisht, Sr. Advocate, assisted by Sri Sushil Vashisth, Advocate for the respondent no. 1 and Standing Counsel for the respondent no.2.

By the present writ petition, the petitioner has prayed for a writ of mandamus commanding the respondent to re-check, re-evaluate and scrutinize the examination copies of petitioner in English (Ist and IInd paper), Mathematics (1st and IInd paper) and Scientist (1st and IInd paper) of the High School Examination, 2006 conducted by respondents by some experts examiners in presence of petitioner and his parents and the respondent be further directed to correct the marksheet of the petitioner accordingly.

Briefly stated, the petitioner appeared as a regular student in High School Examination, 2006 conducted by the

respondent with the subject in Hindi, English, Mathematics, Science, Social Science and drawing with Roll No. 0110948 from Gandhi Inter College, Panuwanaula, Almora.

According to the case of the petitioner, he appeared in all the papers of the Hindi, English, Mathematics, Science, Social Science and Drawing and he answered all the papers with his full satisfaction.

However, the result was declared in June, 2006 and the petitioner could not succeed in the said examination and on giving the mark-sheet, it was revealed that in Mathematics, Science and English, the petitioner has got only 24, 32, 30 respectively. So far as the evaluation is concerned, there is no provision for evaluation for evaluating the marks and as such no relief can be granted to the petitioner.

So far as the scrutiny is concerned, the petitioner has submitted that let the scrutiny be made of both the answer books of Mathematics, Science and English.

Sri V.K. Bisht, Sr. Advocate, has submitted that let the petitioner apply for scrutiny and the same shall be done by the Secretary Uttaranchal Shiksha Evam Pariksha/respondent no. 1.

In ***Vaibhav Pandey v. Board of High School and Intermediate Education (1998)2 U.P.L.B.E.C. 1501***, it has been held as under:-

> *"2.The past record of the petitioner indicates that he is an exceptionally brilliant student. In High School examination, the petitioner indicates that he is an exceptionally brilliant student. In High School examination, the petitioner has been awarded 19 marks out of 32 in Hindi 3rd papers. The petitioner has been awarded much higher marks in other subjects. The*

apprehension of the petitioner is that his answer book of Hindia IIIrd paper has not been correctly examined.

3. This writ petition is finally disposed of with the direction that respondent No.2 Apar Sachiv, Madhyamik Shiksha Parishad shall himself check the answer book of the petitioner in Hindi IIIrd paper of High School Examination, 1998 within a period of one month form the date a certified copy of this order is produced before him. On the date on which the answer book of he petitioner is being looked or examined by respondent No.2, the petitioner's guardian may also remain present. If any discrepancy is found in the answer book, it shall be corrected. The roll number which had been allotted to the petitioner is 1064476."

The aforesaid judgment has also been followed in Trishma Singh vs. U.P. Intermediate Education Board Allahabad, 2001 U.P. Local Bodies Cases 2071. Paragraph-7 of the judgment is important which is quoted below:-

"Learned counsel, for the petitioner has placed reliance on the case of Vaibhav Pandey v. Board of High School & Intermediate Education (1988) 2 UPLBEC 1501, in which this Court held as under:

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It has further been held by the Allahabad High Court in the case ***Mobeen Ahmad Ansari vs. State of U.P. and others (1999) 1 UPLBEC 603*** as under:

"It is a matter of great concern that in the recent years there is consideration influx of such writ petitions in this Court has increased. Earlier the Board of High School and Intermediate Education had inspired so much confidence that seldom writ-petition were filed. Filing of writ petition on such a large scale before this Court indicate that there is considerable dissatisfaction among the students and their parent which requires introspection by the Board authorities as well. Although this Court seldom interfere in the revaluation of the marks, but with a view to have greater accountability and transparency there is a need for framing some certain rules to rectify the error, mistakes or defection calculation for the marks."

Thus, the respondent no. 1 is directed to get the scrutiny of the concerned answer books in accordance with the aforesaid judgments of the Allahabad High Court, where it has been held that there should be transparency for the marks and the petitioner may not be deprived from his legitimate claim.

Respondent no. 1 is directed to get the scrutiny done after the petitioner applies for the same within a period of six weeks.

Writ petition is disposed of. No order as to costs.

(Rajesh Tandon, J.)

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